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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGENDA AND DATS FOR SPRING MEETING OF NATO

DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

REF: STATE 27850

1. ON FEBRUARY 12 POLADS CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR
THE SPRING DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING. FOLLOWING IS REPORT
KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN REFTEL:

A. NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE-NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES
THOUGHT THIS SUBJECT IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT IT DESERVED TO BE A
SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM. U.S. REP INDICATED FLEXIBILITY. THERE WERE
NO OTHER INSTRUCTED COMMENTS, SO ITEM WILL STAY ON AGENDA FOR
THE PRESENT.

B. WDC/CCD-POLADS AGREED TO U.S. PROPOSALS. ITEMS WILL BE
LISTED SEPARATELY WITH "PROSPECTS FOR 1974 CCD" APPEARING FIRST,
AND "WDC AD HOC COMMITTEE" NEXT.

C. CW-NETHERLANDS AND FRG THOUGHT CW WAS AN IMPORTANT AGENDA
ITEM AND SHOULD NOT BE RELEGATED TO "OTHER BUSINESS". THERE
WERE NO OTHER INSTRUCTED OPINIONS, SO CW WILL STAY ON AGENDA
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FOR THE PRESENT.

D. SOVIET ROB PROPOSAL.-POLADS AGREED (U.S. AD REFERENDUM)
THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL APPEAR AS "PROPOSALS CONCERNING ROB WITH

PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON EXPERTS GROUP FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEXICAN RESOLUTION".

E. VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL MEANS-U.S. REP SOUGHT DELETION PER REFTEL, BUT NETHERLANDS REP INDICATED HIS AUTHORITIES NOW SAW THIS SUBJECT IN A CONTEXT WIDER THAN MBFR. HE REFERRED TO SALT AND GENERALLY TO THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY. THE NETHERLANDS HAD IN MIND A U.S. "BRIEFING". IN RESPONSE U.S. REP SAID THAT SENSITIVE SALT CONSULTATIONS WERE WELL TAKEN CARE OF IN RESTRICTED NAC. HE DOUBTED WASHINGTON WOULD THINK IT USEFUL TO PRESENT ANY GENERALIZED BRIEFING, BUT WOULD OF COURSE BE GLAD TO HAVE IDEAS NETHERLANDS WISHED TO PRESENT.

F. ASW-U.S. AND FRG REPS OPPOSED INCLUSION UNLESS NETHERLANDS SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS IDEAS ON SUBJECT OR ON SOME PARTICULAR ASPECTS. NETHERLANDS REP IS TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

G. SEVERAL POLADS NOTED THAT EARLIER CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR POST-MORTEM ON WEAPONS ISSUES RAISED IN THE ICRC CONFERENCE WAS OMITTED FROM SUGGESTED AGENDA. COMMITTEE AGREED SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON INCLUDING THIS ITEM.

2. POLADS AGREED (UK AD REFERENDUM) TO APRIL 29-30 FOR SPRING MEETING.

3. POLADS WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT OF AGENDA NEXT WEEK, AND WE WILL NEED GUIDANCE ON PARAS 2.D, E, F AND G ABOVE.
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